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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Brandis airfield between 22 March and 5 April 1954:

22 March. Between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., no aircraft took off from the field. Occasionally MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s crossed over the field. Once a formation of 7 aircraft, including one towing an air sleeve, were seen aloft.

23 to 27 March. There was no air activity at the field. Repeatedly swept-back jet fighters crossed over the field.

28 March. Between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., about 10 ground attack aircraft made local flights. The weather was overcast.

29 March. Between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., there was air activity by ground attack aircraft, including local flying, formation flying and diving. The weather was fair. During the day, swept-back jet fighters repeatedly crossed over the field.

30 March. At 10 a.m., a Po-2 was seen aloft. About 2 p.m., 32 Il-10s were pushed out of the hangars. All the aircraft were marked at the rear part of their fuselages by a white tactical symbol resembling a four with extended crossbar. Apparently all the aircraft were newly painted. At 4 p.m., 6 other Il-10s which had been parked in the hangars took off and flew toward the north-northeast.

31 March and 1 April. There was no air activity. The weather was overcast.

2 April. At 10 a.m., 10 Il-10s landed. The weather was overcast. After 8 p.m., swept-back jet fighters crossed over the field.

3 to 5 April. No flying was observed.

2. It appeared that, after 29 March, new personnel had arrived at the field.

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Many young Soviet soldiers were seen.



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Comment. Observations made at Brandis airfield between 9 and 27 March 1954 indicate that most of the Il-10s of the ground attack regiment stationed there were not present at the field during that time. The location of the aircraft during that time is not known. The dispatch in mid-February 1954 of a freight train has not as yet been confirmed.



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